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1. In mid December 1953, construction was being carried on in Prague-Hradcany near the Hradcany Castle grounds, probably in the triangle formed by the castle, the castle garden, and the Belveder, which is a pavilion built of stone. Approximately 35 carpenters and a few concrete construction specialists were employed on the job. All the workers were identifiable Communists who were especially well paid for the work and were required to observe strict discretion in talking about the work they were doing. Large quantities of wood being used on the job were piled up in the castle park.
2. It is believed that an underground structure - possibly a concrete air-raid shelter - was what the workers were engaged in building.
3. Concurrently with the construction project of unknown purpose, the Belveder pavilion was repaired. This job progressed slowly and it was believed that it was being done for the purpose of distracting attention from the work on the other project.

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